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1. MISSION APPRECIATES SPEEDY ACTION ON CYPRUS/5/08
EQUIPMENT AND HAS INFORMED AGENCY (MUTRU) OF SUB-
STANCE REF A.

2. MISSION HAS ASKED FOR AGENCY INVESTIGATION INTO
REASON FOR SECOND CALIFORNIUM SOURCE (FROM MONSANTO)
HEADED FOR COSTA RICA AND HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING
SATISFACTORY REPLY. WHEN AGENCY FIRST APPROVED
PROJECT IT WAS DETERMINED THAT TWO MILLIGRAMS OF
CALIFORNIUM NEEDED FOR COSTA RICA'S PURPOSES (I.E.,
FOR DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING, ON ONE HAND, AND
FOR RESEARCH ON OTHER). DURING EXTENDED PERIOD
DURING WHICH U.S. AND AGENCY WERE CONSIDERING
WHETHER U.S. SHOULD PROVIDE ALSO THE CALIFORNIUM
SOURCE TO COSTA RICA UNDER 1974 EQUIPMENT GRANT
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AND UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS, USAEC/ERDA GOT OUT OF

BUSINESS OF SELLING CALIFORNIUM BUSINESS WAS
PICKET UP BY ENCAPSULATORS, SUCH AS MONSANTO,
AND PRICE APPARENTLY DOUBLED.

3. DOUBLING OF PRICE MEANT THAT AGENCY RESOURCES
COMMITTED TO COSTA RICA PROJECT FOR PROVISION OF
CALIFORNIUM WERE ADEQUATE FOR PURCHASE OF ONLY HALF OF
DESIRED QUANTITY (I.E., ON MILLIGRAM INSTEAD OF
TWO). IT WAS THIS AMOUNT WHICH AGENCY ASKED U.S.
TO PROVIDE, THEREFORE, SHOULD WE BE WILLING TO
MAKE CALIFORNIUM AVAILABLE AT ALL.

4. COSTA RICANS, KNOWING THAT ONE MILLIGRAM WAS
AN ADEQUATE AMOUNT FOR DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING
BUT, APPARENTLY, NOT RPT NOT FOR RESEARCH, SOUGHT
TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES, APPARENTLY
UTILIZING SOME OAS (ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN
STATES) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS. THEIR
RESOURCES, HOWEVER, WERE ONLY ADEQUATE TO BUY
HALF A MILIGRAM, WHICH IS QUANTITY WHICH MONSANTO
SHIPPED THEM.

5. WHEN ASKED, THEREFORE, WHETHER IT WAS STILL
NECESSARY FOR U.S. TO SEND ITS CALIFORNIUM SOURCE,
AGENCY TECHNICAL EXPERT ON THIS PROGRAM (DOLNICAR)
REPLIED EMPHATICALLY, "YES." THE HALF MILLIGRAM
IS ADEQUATE FOR DEMONSTRATION AND TEACHING, BUT
FOR RESEARCH A LARGER QUANTITY IS REQUIRED. THE
U.S. SOURCE WILL FILL THIS NEED.

6. BASED ON THIS DISCUSSION AND CONFIRMATION
FROM COSTA RICAN PROJECT DIRECTOR, WHO IS IN
VIENNA FOR MEETING, MISSION RECOMMENDS ERDA
PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH SHIPMENT OF SOURCE.
WE HAVE LEARNED THAT SHIPPING CONTAINER CAN BE
RETURNED IMMEDIATELY TO U.S. FOLLOWING SHIPMENT,
SINCE SHIELD HAS ALREADY BEEN CONSTRUCTED FOR
EARLIER (MONSANTO) SOURCE AND WILL ALSO
SERVE FOR U.S.- LOANED SOURCE.

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7. FINAL DETAIL WILL BE FOR ERDA TO PROVIDE
MISSION WITH TERMS, REF C, PARA 2, UNDER WHICH
CALIFORNIUM IS TO BE LOANED, INCLUDING PERIOD OF
TIME AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RETURN.
AGENCY (DOLNICAR) SUGGESTED FIVE YEARS, BUT
SUGGEST THIS PERIOD BE CROSS-CHECKED WITH TECHNICAL
EXPERT FROM ERDA WHO CAN COMPARE STRENGTH OF
SOURCE WITH LENGTH OF TIME IT WILL CONTINUE TO

FUNCTION ADEQUATELY. NEVERTHELESS, MISSION
CONSIDERS THIS A FORMALITY, WHICH MAY BE WRAPPED
UP AFTER SOURCE HAS BEEN DELIVERED. IT MOST
IMPORTANT THAT DELIVERY NOT BE DELAYED BEYOND
END OF JUNE 1976, WHEN PROJECT DIRECTOR WILL
RETURN FROM STUDY TOUR TO TAKE UP WORK AGAIN ON
PROJECT.STONE

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